

LABORITE RECEIVES POSITION IN CABINET

Arthur Henderson Among First to Be Chosen for New British Ministry.

KITCHENER MAY LOSE MANY OF HIS DUTIES

Attacks on Methods Continue—Admiralty and War Office to Witness Changes.

LONDON, May 22.—The first authoritative announcement as to an appointment in the British national cabinet, outside of Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, is that of Arthur Henderson, a labor leader, who succeeds Herbert Louis Samuel as president of the local government board. The trade unionists are highly pleased at the appointment. It appears certain that there will be a new civil head of the admiralty and war office, respectively, and possibly changes in the professional heads as well, or at any rate, a readjustment of the responsibility.

Duties Will Be Shifted.

Earl Kitchener, the secretary of war, is generally agreed, has too much to do in the direction of the war, raising new armies and the organization of the output of munitions, and some of these duties will be shifted to other shoulders. Chancellor Lloyd George and Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, are about equally favored for civil head of the war office, and A. J. Balfour is mentioned for a similar position in the admiralty.

The posts will be distributed among the liberals, unionists and laborites according to their strength in the house of commons.

Kitchener Attacked.

One of the most remarkable features of the ministerial crisis is the sudden outbreak, more or less severe, of newspaper attacks upon Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the British secretary of war, who at the outbreak of the war was the nation's military idol and was loudly proclaimed by the same newspapers as the only man in the country for the position of war secretary.

The Daily Mail and other newspapers under the same ownership have been most violent in these attacks, even going so far as to call into question the military genius of the field marshal. The Daily Mail says:

Questions Qualifications.

"Nothing in Kitchener's experience suggests that he has the qualifications required for conducting a European campaign in the field, and we can only hope that no such misfortune will befall this nation as that he should be permitted to interfere with the actual strategy of this gigantic war." Proceeding to accuse Lord Kitchener of having "ordered the wrong kind of shell," the Daily Mail asserts that "despite repeated warnings that a high explosive shell was required, Lord Kitchener persisted in sending shrapnel, such as he used at Gallipoli, thus causing the deaths of thousands of British soldiers and, incidentally, bringing about a cabinet crisis."

Reduce His Value.

Other newspapers in a less outspoken manner seek to reduce Lord Kitchener's value to that of a good recruiting officer, or they may excuse him on the ground of being too much occupied in producing recruiting advertisements to attend to the supply of proper ammunition.

Some newspapers are almost calling for Lord Kitchener's retirement, other organs like the Morning Post and Daily News protest that a "dead set" has been made against him, and that he is being unfairly treated.

"The new government will not likely be so foolish as to throw over the man whose presence and leadership have been the mainstay of our fighting forces since the beginning of the war, but will rather seek to support and assist him in his overburdened shoulders the secondary work of reorganizing the country's industrial resources, so as to supply the army with adequate supplies and munitions."

Support Earl Kitchener.

The stock exchange, which has not only contributed a large number of members to the army, but has supported strongly every movement for the success of the nation in the war, held a meeting yesterday in support of Earl Kitchener. A resolution was adopted unanimously expressing entire confidence in the war secretary and "strong indignation at the venomous attacks on him" by a part of the press.

The members of the exchange then formed a ring, piled a large number of copies of the Daily Mail in the center and made a bonfire of them.

Popular Indignation Excited.

The Fall Mall Gazette, discussing the "quite astounding newspaper attacks upon Kitchener," says that they have created "an overwhelming sentiment of public indignation, and have made the secretary for war, who seemed weaker Wednesday, more powerful and popular than ever today."

After referring to the wide powers possessed by the war secretary in time of war, the Gazette says:

"It is not possible fully to explain how many matters that seem in a fair way of settlement are complicated or jeopardized by the attacks on Kitchener. We fear that result will be an increase in the stringency of regulations imposed on newspapers. . . . If the working of the constitutional machine is made more difficult we shall be very near such a situation as drives democracy in war to a dictatorship. If we are to have a dictatorship Lord Kitchener undoubtedly will be dictator. The country would deny it and the press would count for nothing."

Shorty McCabe Again!

The leading story in our next Sunday Magazine is one of the funniest that Sewell Ford ever wrote about his Shorty McCabe. "Letting Ripley Write the Tags" he calls it. Shorty was out to his yacht club, of which he was committee on arrangements, for a regatta on arrangements, when he saw Deona "do" the sob act right on some new cretonne window seat cushions" and decided it was up to him to interfere. Deona was sobbing because some of the snobs of Rock-hurst-on-the-Sound had sneered at her father for being a racetrack bookie. Shortly afterward Ripley, an advertising expert, told about the pedigree of some of these snobs and then they fixed up a come-back that was a dandy. Read it in The Sunday Star.

SCHOOL FESTIVAL IS A BIG SUCCESS

More Than 6,000 Children Take Part in Performance at Base Ball Park.

SOMERSAULT RELAY RACE PROVES TO BE A FEATURE

Affair Expected to Net at Least \$2,000 for Playgrounds of the District.

When children taking part in the field day and festival of the Washington public schools at the American League Ball Park yesterday afternoon brought out their "balance boards" and proceeded to go through a number of stunts it appeared as though a juvenile circus were being staged on the field. The balance board is a narrow board set edge up about a foot from the ground, and which is used as part of the physical culture training apparatus.

Tight-rope walking, turning about on the narrow board, walking backward and rope-jumping were some of the feats which the youngsters performed. When they first came on the field, in squads representing the several divisions in the school system, all of the youngsters ran forward and performed comparatively simple feats. Later individuals from the groups performed more difficult tasks. In addition to the rope-jumping, for instance, one boy with his teeth picked up two chairs, tied together with a handkerchief. Two other boys performed the old wheelbarrow stunt and two little girls played ball.

Thousands of parents and friends of the children witnessed the program presented yesterday afternoon. More than 6,000 children took part in the performance, being made happy by the fact that the sun remained out during the fête. Despite the fact that in the previous day many of them had been caught in the rain and had their costumes spoiled, no one could have told it by the appearance of the youngsters yesterday. Teachers throughout the city, and parents, too, had combined their efforts to renovate the costumes.

Somersault Relay a Feature.

Although several of the numbers were pretty, it is doubtful if any feature of the program was received with greater enthusiasm by the audience than a somersault relay race by the boys of the fourth grade. Each lap the boys had to turn three somersaults on small mats, bags, placed in the course. The bags were placed there to protect the heads when the boys turned the somersaults, and while the youngsters valiantly strove to strike the bags with their heads, they missed most of the time, so that it is likely Washington today has a number of young "sore heads." Girls of the same grade ran "figure 8" relays.

One of the most spectacular features was a gymnastic Indian story. Attired as Indians, the kiddies of the third grade depicted phases of Indian life. "La pantomime," accompanied by music composed especially for the occasion by Sol Minster, and with the drumming being done on real Indian tom-toms, the young aborigines signalled their friends to hunt, hunted for game, shot game with bow and arrow, and then their enemies, calmly tomahawked them with paddleboard hatchets, then paddled home, and danced the dance of victory.

Children of the first grade started the program with little dances accompanying old nursery rhymes, such as "Ride a Cock Horse to Banbury Cross" and "Hickory, Dickory, Dock." Folk dances were given by the fifth and sixth grades, the first named presenting "Ritch-Ratch," and the second, "The Ribbon Dance, English, while those of the higher grade gave "Trotten," from the Swedish, and "Snowstorm," Russian.

Wand and Dumbbell Drills.

Seventh and eighth grade pupils gave wand and dumbbell drills, respectively. These gave excellent opportunities for mass work, and were presented in a most creditable manner.

Athletic contests held among the children of the grammar grades included a basket ball throw for the girls and a 60-yard dash for the boys. Jessie Mannheim of the eighth grade, Thompson School, won the basket ball contest, and Clarence Elcher of the eighth grade, Carbery School, was the first to throw the tape in the foot race. In the somersault relay, the eighth division was first, the fifth division second, and the first division third. The figure eight relay race by the girls of the fourth grade was won by the ninth division.

At the end of the performance the seventh grade children, the last on the field, unfurled small American flags on the end of the wands and waved them while the band played "America."

The affair was carried off with an excellent degree of smoothness. It is not known how much money was made for the playgrounds yesterday, but those in charge hope that it netted at least \$2,000. The last affair of the kind netted \$1,700.

Assistants to Dr. Stonerod.

Dr. Rebecca Stonerod, director of physical culture in the schools, was in charge. She was assisted by the following members of her corps:

Miss Elsie Sanders, in charge of the races; Miss Belle Myers, of the folk dances; Miss Ruth Oberly, grand marshal; Miss Grace Houten and Miss Julia Burkett, in charge of the eighth grade drill; Miss Dorothy Breuninger, chairman of the costume committee; Miss Mildred Clark, in charge of the grammar grade athletics; Miss Lella Fritchard, property manager; Miss Imogene Stockett, Indian and her law drill; Miss Elizabeth Lacey, first grade nursery rhymes, formed the general committee.

CANVAS BRINGS \$4,250.

"The Valley of Valmondeis" Is Sold in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 22.—"The Valley of Valmondeis," by Charles Francois Daubigny, was sold for \$4,250 at a sale of paintings by ancient and modern masters here Thursday. This was the highest price brought by any of the canvases in the sales. A Corot, the "Vill d'Avoy," was sold for \$3,250.

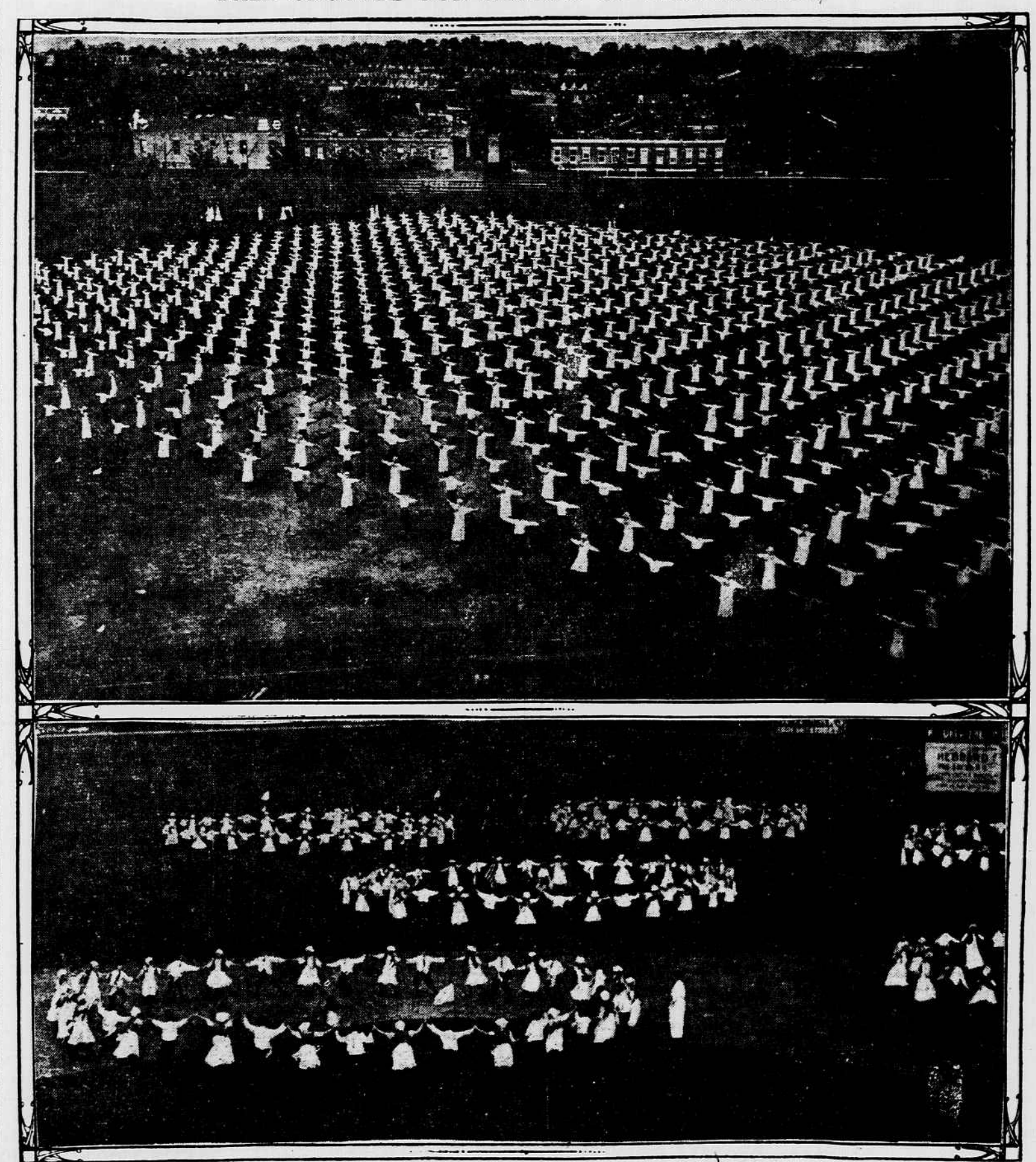
ADMITS SHE KILLED HUSBAND.

Mrs. Cynthia Buffum Given Prison Sentence of Twenty Years.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 22.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum, the Little Valley woman who has been on trial in the supreme court here for two weeks on a charge of murdering her husband, Willis Buffum, by giving him repeated doses of arsenic, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree yesterday. The decision, properly made, was reached by Mrs. Buffum and her lawyers, after a conference that extended into the early hours of the morning. District Attorney Laidlaw was at once apprised of the situation and agreed to accept the plea.

Mrs. Buffum was sentenced to not less than twenty years' imprisonment.

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If there were any missteps made by the youthful dancers last night none but their teachers knew about it, for to the audience in general the "kiddies" went through their solo dances and song solos in a manner which richly merited the applause given them. Youngsters large and small—mostly small—danced and sang in a surprisingly pleasing and accurate way, costumed as clowns, jockeys, sailors, toradors and toradresses, and in a great many other characters.

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BERLIN YOUTH ATTACKS ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

Excitement in Rome Over the Incident—Berlin Condemns the Assault.

ROME, May 21, 7:40 p.m., via Paris, May 22, 4:30 a.m.—In spite of disavowals by high German officials of the attack upon the Italian ambassador at Berlin, Rome newspapers consider the incident a grave reflection upon Italian dignity. The Idea Nazionale declares that the excuses of the German chancellor and foreign minister are insufficient and that the insult must be revenged.

Suggests "Fitting Reply."

The Tribune believes a fitting reply would be for the people of Rome to accompany the German ambassador to the station the day he leaves the capital and "return Latin civility for an act of German barbarism."

The Observatore Romano, the Vatican organ, in an editorial urges a complete union of all Italians and a truce to political passions. It expresses the hope that Italy may be spared the horrors of a long war and that peace soon will be established.

Assault Condemned in Berlin.

BERLIN, via London, May 22, 11:30 a.m.—All the morning newspapers condemn in the strongest terms the attack by a youth on the Italian ambassador last evening and warn against the slightest molestation of Italians who remain in the city. The tone of the press, without exception, is strikingly calm and moderate. In spite of the fact that Italy's course generally is considered treacherous, the articles directed against her contain little in the nature of abuse.

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SAYS DISARMAMENT IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGER

W. Morgan Shuster Opposes Abandonment of Defense Methods. Addresses School Students.

Addressing a large audience at the commencement exercises celebrating the conclusion of the thirty-third year of Friends Select School, W. Morgan Shuster, former financial expert of the Persian government, and student of international politics, denounced all plans of disarmament under present conditions as being fraught with the gravest danger to the disarmed nation. "International Patriotism" was the theme upon which the speaker addressed the graduating students and their parents and friends.

"The cause of nearly every war," said Mr. Shuster, "is, first of all, greed for land. This is the motive instigating every one of the nations now at war, and in this our own American nation has not been free from blame. Statesmen embellish this land lust with various sentimental motives, for the purpose of arousing the patriotism of their subjects. Blue books are put out for the purpose of justifying this robbery. There should be no spheres of influence. The stealing of land from a nation is just as bad as stealing from an individual."

Cannot All Be Right.

"We know that where nine civilized nations are engaged in a life and death struggle, as we see today, they cannot all be abstractly right. It is impossible. Some are wrong. Maybe all of

them are wrong; certainly they are not all right, and yet that is the effect of the national patriotism that is due to a very great degree in some cases among these nations and not to so great a degree among others, to the national patriotism that compels people to put the seal of their approval upon what a comparatively few respectable statesmen at any given controversy see fit to do, or publish that they are going to do, or are intending to do.

"Now, if international patriotism shall prove to be something more than a dream, we might see the day when the governors and rulers and the statesmen and the diplomats who have so far found it entirely possible to sway public opinion and translate their own often sordid desires into a great wave of patriotic effusion and action on the part of a whole nation, will find that with a scrutinizing and analytical body of public opinion weighing their statements and their acts and their policies, international patriotism will make it exceedingly difficult for two intelligent people to be dragged into a war, except in the rare case where a real danger to the national welfare, has arisen."

Proper Ideals, Principal's Topic.

At the conclusion of Mr. Shuster's address, Thomas W. Sidwell, principal of the school, spoke on "Proper Ideals in Education," emphasizing the need of an all-around development as a basis for future usefulness. Mr. Sidwell then presented diplomas to the eleven graduates, after which a reception was held in the parlors of the school. The commencement exercises included musical numbers by the High School and Girls' Glee Club. The graduates were: Gilbert King, class president; Walter Cameron Roberts, Hilda Eberly, Janet McPherson Brown, Elizabeth Albertson Hopper, John Bruce King, Carroll Pierce, Jr., Louise Benton Pugh, Carol, Shoenaker, Mary Frances Sedgwell and Charlotte Gordon Stimpson.

The will of former Judge Joseph A. Wickes, who died at Chestertown, Md., disposes of an estate worth about \$120,000. Mrs. Gladys R. Wickes, his wife, and Lewin W. Wickes are left executors.

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